

WONGA PARK AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00 p.m. Friday 14th October 1988

PRESENT: Lynda Hickling (Chairman), John Mackie, Frank Barr, Esma Barr, Greg Harrison, Albert Aird, Pam Fallon, Russell McGuinness, Philip Glenister, Margaret Fankhauser, Jack Nickalou, Alex Connor and Michael

APOLOGIES: Alistair Lee-Archer, Kristine Broom, Bob Halverson, Murray Couper and Sue Couper.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and Esma Barr moved that they be adopted as read and confirmed, seconded by Margaret Fankhauser - carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. John Mackie the District Manager for Telecom. The Wonga Park telephone exchange will be out of numbers within a year. Instead of expanding it, it will replace it with a state of the art exchange. Will be controlled from Croydon - self diagnosing - reports to Croydon during day and a 24 hour manned station at night. Add on facilities will be available - hold facility to hold one party while talk to another - direct calls to another number - PIN No. for STD and ISD calls - hot line facility. Have to pay extra for these facilities. Have been doing work around the area - tests from pillars and exchange for quality of lines - \$700,000 for new equipment. Public telephones - lose \$40-50 million a year. Can influence but does not control placement of phones. If want more public phones will pass on the info. Heavily subject to vandalism - look at likelihood of vandalism and revenue. Philip Glenister has noticed improvement in service as computer modem drops out less frequently - also easier to contact wife by phone at 6.00 pm - previously a great deal of difficulty. However a number of the other members still had problems with not getting lines, engaged signals half way through a number, being cut off while talking, phone ringing once or twice and then cuts out, caller hearing dial tone but not ringing at receiving end. Telecom reducing inefficient use of manpower - have to overcome demarcation problems between linesmen and technicians. 4.5% reduction in staff last year. Productivity in Telecom increasing at double the national rate in last 10 years. Reasons we have to wait a year for new equipment are - have to place orders well in advance and uneconomic to replace exchange before full. Telecom spending \$2.9,000,000,000 this year. Congestion not only in Wonga Park - could be anywhere between here and the other end, particularly in the Croydon exchange. Blue phone coming out - cheaper than red phone. Optic fibre will greatly improve service to Sydney - about 12 months. In future will be capacity to give everyone a personal phone to be carried with you everywhere - 5-10 years. By 1992 should be cheaper to provide a customer with a cellular phone than a land line.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OUT

City of Croydon - Wonga Road reconstruction

IN

Shire of Lillydale - Location of Signs in Homestead Road
- Information Directory
- Lower Homestead Road

U.Y.V.&D.R.A. - The Echo

Tony Lamb - Social Justice Budget Statement 1988/89

Dept Cons. Forests & Lands - Warrandyte State Park Draft Management Plan

Pam Fallon moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and that the outward correspondence be approved, seconded by Frank Barr - carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Information Directory suggested sites - On nature strip in front of P.O. store, near telephone box at P.O. store or at bus stop. Cost approx. \$2,000. Pam Fallon Moved that we would prefer 3 notice boards. one at each store for pin up notices rather than a directory board, seconded by Albert Aird - carried. Albert Aird moved that we write to Conservation Forests & Lands and request upgrading of Reserve Road and Lower Homestead Road before opening of any development of State Park at Wittons Reserve and Mt. Lofty, seconded by Pam Fallon - carried

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Dead trees removed from hall, estimates completed. Rates rise 7% in West Riding, 8% for other Ridings (inflation 6.9%). Borrowing \$150,000 to extend works on Yarra Road to Brysons Road. Reserve Committee's recommendations mostly approved. Block of land on corner of Dudley Road purchased by spec. builder. Shire has advised RCA that it supports Northern Route alignment. Wonga Park rates likely to rise by more than 7% as revaluation at 1986 values instead of 1982 values has come into effect. Dudley Road speed limit reduced. Council wishes to develop reserve in conjunction with school but \$25,000 drain needed first - concept approved in principle to develop reserve.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No transactions - Balance \$112.38. Esma Barr moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment, seconded by Albert Aird - carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS: We to invite Mr. John Mackie to our February meeting.

Next meeting 8.00 p.m. Friday 11th November 1988